

to affect any case now depending in any court of law or equity in this state.

### CHAPTER 105.

AN ACT for the benefit of certain persons who emigrated into or settled in this state before the adoption of the Constitution of the United States.

Other law, 1814, ch. 79.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Emigrants before the adoption of the constitution of the U. S. to be entitled to the privileges, &c. of citizens.  
That all free white persons, who emigrated into, or settled within the limits of this state, before the adoption of the constitution of the United States of America, and who have continued and remained inhabitants of this state, shall be deemed, construed, and taken to have been, and they hereby are declared to have been, and to be respectively entitled, to all and singular the immunities, privileges, rights and advantages, of natural born citizens, so far as to enable such persons to acquire right, title and interest in, and to hold, possess and enjoy, lands, tenements and real estate, within this state, and to transmit and transfer the same in the same manner as natural born citizens of this state; and all property, real, personal and mixed, acquired and transferred by, from, through, or under the said persons, or any of them, or their or any of their descendants, shall be held, possessed, enjoyed or transferred, in like manner as if the said persons had respectively been and were at the several times of acquiring and transferring such property natural born citizens of this state; and all and every person or persons whatsoever, being citizens of this or some one of the United States, claiming any real estate by, from or under, the said persons first herein before described, or their or any of their descendants, by gift, grant, purchase, descent or otherwise, shall hold, possess and enjoy the same, in like manner as if the said persons had respectively been and were, at the several times of acquiring and transferring such real estate, natural born citizens of this state; *Provided*, that nothing herein contained Proviso. shall be construed to interfere with or affect the rights of any person or persons acquired before the passage of this act.

### CHAPTER 135.

AN ACT to exempt Spinning Wheels and Looms from Execution and Distress.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Exemption from distress.  
That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful to seize or take by distress, or on execution, any spinning wheel or loom which may be loaned or hired out to any person or persons, for any house rent or debt due by such person or persons.